

CAH QI Coordinator Meeting February 2014

Upcoming meetings/educational programs from the Iowa Hospital Association:

- **IHA Legislative Day 2014** February 26, Veteran's Memorial Convention Center Ballroom, Des Moines
- Physician Compensation in a Value-Based World February 27, Webinar
- CMS and The Joint Commission Medical Records: Ensuring Compliance March 4, Webinar
- Transitional Care Codes and Reducing Readmissions March 6, Webinar
- Health Insurance Marketplaces: Thriving in Changing Times March 18, Webinar
- Putting the Fun Back Into a Dysfunctional Healthcare System March 19, Webinar
- Palliative Care: Innovation and Opportunity March 20, Holiday Inn Jordan Creek, West Des Moines
- Critical Access and Rural Hospital Forum April 3, Holiday Inn Jordan Creek, West Des Moines
- **Hospital Gift Shop Market** April 3, The Meadows Events & Conference Center, Altoona
- IAHQ (Iowa Association for Healthcare Quality) Spring Conference April 8, Holiday Inn Jordan Creek, West Des Moines
- Case Management: Transitions Across the Continuum April 23, Holiday Inn Jordan Creek, West Des Moines
- Critical Components of Emergency Department Case Management April 24, Holiday Inn Jordan Creek, West Des Moines

Check out these and more at the IHA Web site.

Iowa Legislature in Session

IHA's legislative agenda for 2014 includes positions on Medicaid rebasing, Iowa Wellness Plan contracting and patient assignment, initiating all-payer, all-claims database investigation, telemedicine, mental health, IPERS, stroke registry, and the role of advanced practice Registered Nurses in Iowa. For more information on IHA's positions, IHA's website contains

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RAC Program Paused

CMS announced that the Recovery Audit Contractor program is in transition while investigation of the future is undertaken. Hospitals need to be aware that:

• February 21 is the last day a Recovery Auditor may send a post-payment Additional Documentation Request (ADR)

- February 28 is the last day a MAC may send prepayment ADRs for the Recovery Auditor Prepayment Review Demonstration
- June 1 is the last day a Recovery Auditor may send improper payment files to the MACs for adjustment

For more information contact Dan Royer or call (515) 288-1955.

Using IPOP (Inpatient/Outpatient) Databases for Quality Reporting

IHA is always seeking ways to help ease hospital external reporting requirements – IPOP discharge data, quality information, infection reporting, etc. At the same time, the need for more timely information has never been more important. Traditional uses for statewide data like market share analysis, physician recruitment and research are now joined by the need for patient safety and quality information.

A potential role for IPOP discharge data to help with data reporting in the patient safety and quality areas has been identified. The lag in data availability is a possible complicating factor though.

Currently, quarterly inpatient and outpatient data are due <u>60 days after the end of a quarter</u>. Validated databases (inpatient and outpatient) are returned to all hospitals around 90 days after the end of a quarter. The proposed change **would not impact** the return of the databases to Iowa hospitals and IHA will continue to release quarterly data around the 90-day mark.

PROPOSAL:

IHA is proposing a voluntary change to the timeline for submission of IPOP data to 45 days after the end of a MONTH in order to return point-in-time quality and patient safety data reporting in a more timely way.

We acknowledge that there may be extenuating circumstances where not all required records are available for submission at the 45-day mark. Information provided for quality and patient safety purposes would be refreshed continually during open quarters to allow new records to be included at a later time frame if they are not available.

Refer to the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative's information regarding HEN data submission for more information.

All-Payer Readmission Reports Released to Iowa Hospitals

New readmission reports were emailed to CEOs at all Iowa hospitals earlier in February. To access these results, request them from leadership. This analysis employs the PPR (3M Potentially Preventable Readmission) grouper. For questions about the reports and methodology contact Kathy Trytten or call (515) 283-9388.

IHA Iowa Hospital Dashboard Reports Shared with all Iowa Hospitals

Third quarter dashboard reports were emailed to CEOs recently. The one-page report displays key utilization, financial, and quality results for each facility compared against a peer and statewide groups. Again, request access to this report from your leadership. Contact Kathy Trytten or call (515) 283-9338 with questions.